TRANSCRIPT—LISA WILSON WHITAKER & TIM WHITAKER

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Abstract: Lisa Wilson Whitaker is interviewed about her experience living in Fairview and changes to the community over the years. Tim Whitaker, Lisa's husband, joins about 16 minutes in and shares additional information about family history, community life, and experiences growing up in Fairview.

Ruth Ehrlich: Today is Friday, November the 18th ...

Lisa Wilson Whitaker: 16th.

RE: Oh, excuse me. Today is Friday, November the 16th. This is Ruth Ehrlich and Sandra Jackson. We're here with Lisa Whitaker doing the Fairview History Project. Lisa has been kind enough to meet with us and we're going to turn her loose and let us tell her about her history, and we'll move along. It's all yours, Lisa.

LWW: All right. Well, my name is Lisa Whitaker. There is another Lisa Whitaker in Fairview, so my name is Lisa Wilson Whitaker. I have lived in Fairview 32 years. I've

always been familiar with Fairview. I have had relatives live in Fairview, even as a little girl. My dad's brother Paul Wilson, and his family, lived on Emmas Grove Road.

As a little girl, I'd been to Fairview, traveled through, just seen the changes throughout the years. I married Tim, Timothy Whitaker, in 1986. My husband Tim grew up in Fairview. We married, like I said, in May of 1986 and we built a house adjacent to my father-in-law and mother-in-law, and we have lived here for 32 years.

RE: Where did you live before you came to Fairview?

LWW: All right. I grew up in Oakley. At the time, it was the line between Biltmore and Oakley. I lived on a little neighborhood road called Melody Lane. I went to Biltmore Elementary. I caught the school bus every morning and rode the bus with Blacks and Whites. I can remember the elementary school, I can remember the smell of, at that time, that was still an older school but the oil they put on the floor and, of course, the high ceiling classrooms and the high windows and whenever they opened the windows, no screen or anything, and I can remember as a little girl just looking out and seeing the kids on the playground. Couldn't wait until I got outside to play.

Let's see. I went to ... I attended Biltmore Elementary from first grade to sixth grade. I enjoyed my years in elementary school. Just a little side note, I can remember in first grade, it might have been first or second grade, field trips at Biltmore Elementary, there was a field trip that we took on the Biltmore Estate. I can remember riding the bus through ... Just some memory of the forest. I just remember thinking the forest and the grounds, the trees, so pretty, on the Biltmore Estate.

We went to the Biltmore ... I'm sorry. The dairy barn. I remember them taking us through and seeing all of the cows, and it was so fun and, of course, to a little girl, what a treat it was to get a little cup of Biltmore Dairy ice cream.

Those are just little things. I treasure those memories. One time, one of my friends from Biltmore Elementary, I went over to her house. Her dad was a doctor and they lived in Biltmore Forest. I went over to play with her and her brother had a friend, and we decided to go exploring in Biltmore Forest and we got lost.

We didn't rea- ... At that time, I didn't realize we were lost, because I had full faith in my friend that she knew where she was going, but anyway, I can remember that the Biltmore Forest Fire Department and everyone, they were looking for us. Anyway, thank goodness they found us.

Okay. Then after Biltmore Elementary, we moved on inside, my parents and I ... I'm an only child. I have lots of cousins. But we moved on inside of Oakley and I lived on Raleigh Road. I went to Reynolds Middle School, seventh and eighth grade, and then on into A.C. Reynolds High School for the next four years, 9th through 12th.

During that time, I participated in sports, I played volleyball, basketball, and softball, all four years. I played in middle school. My neighbors, at the time, across the street on Raleigh Road, happened to be my husband's two cousins but I had never met my husband through them, and I always played ball with them and played outside, rode our bikes, played kickball, just all kinds of stuff, and never knew him at the time. It's just odd how things happen through your life.

After graduating from A.C. Reynolds High School, I attended Warren Wilson College. There were a couple of other schools that I was looking at, but Warren Wilson College, at the time, had a basketball program. They did not have scholarships at that time but there were several local girls that ... Like from Owen, Asheville High, several that were going to play.

The real reason ... I mean, I went, it's local, I was far away but still close enough and I had a weekend job. My dad was very sick at the time. My dad had congestive heart failure. He passed away my freshman year of college on Christmas night.

That freshman year, I really didn't want to go far, because he was in and out of the VA Hospital, which is in Oteen. But that was a turning point in my life, because my dad and I were very close, and I was daddy's little girl, and my mom and I are very close but I think it pleased him that I stayed close and he was able to see a little bit of basketball that I played, and then I finished out my college years at Warren Wilson, which I thoroughly enjoyed. Small school and there, again, close enough to home where I could be with my mom and have a little job.

Then I did my student teaching at Oakley Elementary, was hired on that next year, and taught 10 years at Oakley. My assistant for nine years was one of my best friends from high school's mom, which the good lord puts people in your path to help you along the way for seasons and she was wonderful.

Then I was passing ... My husband and I, as I had said before, built our house ... In fact, my husband and his dad built our house. Most of the ... Well, all of the work here in the

house was ... The labor was from people here in Fairview. Like our fireplace, that was ... The rock was laid by a friend here in Fairview.

Sandra Jackson: Who was it?

LWW: Raymond Pressley.

SJ: That's what I thought.

LWW: And his son Dale, Dale Pressley.

SJ: That's my cousins.

LWW: I didn't realize that. The house has lots of meaning, and just that heritage ... My husband Tim also, like I said, had grew up in Fairview and when he graduated, he helped his dad part-time with home renovation. That helped him in the long run too and then he got a job with UPS and has built spec houses and done stuff along the way, so that part of our life has helped in our marriage.

RE: How did you meet Tim?

LWW: I had stated earlier that his cousins lived across the road from me in Oakley. Tim is one year older than I am. The first time Tim and I ... Really ever just knew who he was, put a name with a face, his ... My cousin and Tim, they're cousins, their grandmother passed away. The neighbors across the street, Tim's cousins' parents asked my mom and dad to come over to their house, and just sit, house sit while the family would come in and eat and go to the funeral home.

We were over there. My husband ... I can remember it vividly today. He came, he drove in, parked, walked in ... It's like we just looked ... Just a little glance, and he walks in the kitchen and he eats and he walks back out. You know, tells us bye, very friendly, and leaves.

Then you don't really think anything else about that, and then I played softball, he played baseball. It was my junior year, his senior year, at Christmas, we both were members of FCA, which was Fellow Christian ...

SJ: Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

LWW: Thank you. Fellowship of Christian Athletes. I was there with a lot of my friends at a Christmas get-together and we just kind of, I don't know, just started talking and befriending and started dating. We dated a few times, broke it all off, got back together in the spring, because that's when we played, like I said, baseball and softball and we rode the same activity bus, so there was that connection again.

We got together the second time, after he graduated from high school, and then it was the summer before my senior year, we decided, you know? Then the start of ... He played baseball. He played senior Babe Ruth baseball and they got to go to the nationals. He came by to see me when I was babysitting. I think that was the part of getting back together, so the third time's the charm. We've been together ever since, all through my senior year of high school and college, so really, we've been together probably 37 years.

SJ: I just know I didn't get to go to their wedding, because I was at the beach.

LWW: Sandra, I'm sorry. Then we got married at Reynolds Baptist Church. I think we were the second couple to be married in the new church. The older church was on Mine Hole Gap coming up where all the condos and everything are there. The church used to be up there. You're talking about a view, you could see all over. It was beautiful.

Then Tim and I had ... We have two children. We were married in '86, Amanda was born in 1989. Our son was born in 1992. We've raised our children here in the house. Amanda now, she went on to college ... She also went to Fairview Elementary and then Cane Creek Elementary and then Reynolds High School. Played basketball, played on a traveling team, played at the high school, and she went on to Brevard College, became a teacher.

She was a second grade teacher at William Estes Elementary for four years and decided she wanted to take her chance at a PE teacher and continue coaching, because she did help at Enka High School. A position came open at A.C. Reynolds, she applied, went through a very strenuous--not a strenuous--interview and she is now the ninth grade girls PE teacher and girls varsity basketball coach. Her dad and I are one of the assistants there, so we help her. This is our second year helping her. She's large and in charge. (Laughter.)

SJ: They like sports in this family.

LWW: She's large and in charge definitely, but she's just doing a heck of a job. Then Jake, Jake also Fairview Elementary, Cane Creek, and then Reynolds High School. Jake loves sports too. He was big into basketball when he was younger and then fishing as always. Then he played football, played football for Reynolds, and played on the ... I

can't remember if it was the 2009 or '07 ... I can't remember. '09 state championship team. Loved it.

Then went on to UNC Charlotte, got his civil engineering degree, but was smitten when he was on the college bass fishing team and he and his partner won the college national championship. I think that took a hold, and so for the last two years, he fished in the opens and qualified to fish in the professional. This past year was his first rookie season. He ended up winning rookie of the year.

SJ: Very cool.

LWW: Yes. This is my husband right now. He doesn't know. He doesn't know [inaudible 00:16:09].

SJ: Come on, sit down, Tim.

LWW: Go ahead, you can have a seat.

Our family is very active, we love sports, and we love family time. We love doing things together. You know?

RE: You've stayed in Fairview for lots of years.

LWW: Yes.

RE: Why did you choose to stay in Fairview and what's been so wonderfully appealing about Fairview?

LWW: Well, as I had mentioned earlier, as I mentioned earlier, I knew of Fairview when I was a little girl, because of my family, my uncle and cousins living on Emmas Grove. But when Tim and I married, his dad and mom deeded us an acre of land for us to build. That helped us.

I was driving back and forth to Oakley and every time I would pull out from Taylor Road onto Old US 74 I guess then, at that time, it ... I was going right by Fairview Elementary. Then they built the new school at Fairview Elementary and Amanda was just like ... She was in the stroller, so she was probably two or three and my in-laws and Tim and I, we would walk and I would push the stroller and we'd walk around looking into the new Fairview Elementary. I can remember looking in the windows thinking, "I'd like to transfer, come over and be in one of these classrooms."

Sure enough, I transfered and I was able to get a teaching position. My husband's lived in Fairview all of his life. His grandparents ... You want to share just a little bit about your grandparents owning ...

Tim Whitaker: My grandparents lived on Whitaker Road. They owned Whitaker Road.

LWW: Who were your grandparents?

TW: Theedy Whitaker and Christine. They lived at the bottom of the hill there on Whitaker Road. They owned 199 acres of Whitaker Road, and that's where Whitaker Road ...

SJ: Wow.

LWW: And the little white house is still there.

TW: Yeah. The little house is still there.

LWW: Right. There's all the road names, Whitaker Drive, Whitaker Road, Whitaker Lane, and when we tried to change our road name from a rural number, everything had been taken, so we just shortened it to Whit Lane. Because it's really Whitakers that live on this road.

TW: Yeah, Whitaker Lane and all that is still on Whitaker Road.

LWW: Yes.

RE: In all of the years you've all been here in Fairview, like I said, what's been so wonderful about Fairview? Other than your family's been here.

LWW: Right.

TW: Well, when I ... As a kid, in Fairview, we knew everybody. Just about everybody. That's just like in any community or neighborhood or town. When you grew up in that community, you just about knew everybody. I mean, you didn't ... We all played ball together, kids played together ... It was just [inaudible 00:19:54].

LWW: Tell about when you and some of the guys, your older brother and someone would ride your bicycle, 74 ...

TW: When I was growing up, when I was 10 to 12, in that section, there was my brother William, Gary Buckner, Dale Wall, we would get on our bikes and ride all the way to Fletcher, which was the army store back then, where ...

LWW: Probably in the '70s, wouldn't you say?

TW: Yeah, I'm trying to think of that restaurant that's there.

LWW: Blue Sky?

TW: Blue Sky Restaurant and all that. That was the army store back in the day. We would ride all the way there ...

LWW: On Cane Creek.

TW: Cane Creek and we would hardly ever see a car. Yeah.

SJ: Couldn't do it now.

TW: We used to ride up Hickory Nut Gap to Chestnut Hill Swimming Pool ...

LWW: That's all the way up the mountain toward Lake Lure.

SJ: Past John and Annie's house. Up in there.

LWW: They would ride their bikes.

TW: We would ride our bikes.

LWW: He's told us stories of that, and I just couldn't believe it.

TW: You'd hardly ever need a car.

RE: When did things start changing in Fairview? That was in the '70s, you say. When did things start changing?

TW: I graduated high school in '81 and Fairview was still Fairview.

LWW: Still rural.

TW: That was late '80s when the land started really selling off to these developments and stuff.

LWW: We can remember hearing of people leaving Beverly Hills or Oteen or over Riceville Road area or Oakley, wanting to purchase land and move out to Fairview.

SJ: The same people who made fun of the “Farview Hills.”

TW: Yes.

LWW: That's the truth. We've always heard where people, they would make fun of the kids from Fairview.

SJ: Farview Hills.

LWW: Beverly Hills was known as the rich kids or the rich section, Oakley, I'm not sure, and then you had the Bell District and then Fairview was just known as the country kids, the hicks.

RE: Wow.

LWW: But beautiful. A while ago, you asked what kept us. Tim, like I said, he's lived here longer and, of course, he has roots here. My roots are really Oakley and Gashes Creek, which Gashes Creek is a little community right past as you go under the Parkway Bridge.

SJ: She lives in that area. She lives near the Reynolds High School.

LWW: Well, then you know. If anything, though, about Fairview, and it's, for me, I love the mountains and I just love outside but that's one thing, the mountains, and that's why Tim and I, we talk about cutting down some of our trees, because you can see some of ... That's the mountain range. On the other side is Black Mountain, Swannanoa.

And plus, this is my family. You know? Roots. We've established our roots.

RE: Exactly. Yeah. What's the biggest change you've seen in Fairview?

TW: I don't know if there's been a whole lot ... It's just more people. I don't think there's been really a whole lot of change. Just more people.

LWW: Well, the road widening, that was a change.

TW: The road widening, that was the major thing in Fairview.

LWW: That was because so many people, the influx of people coming in, moving in, and the traffic was unreal.

TW: The only reason Fairview hasn't grown anymore is because it's ... what I've heard, and I don't know how true it is, there's no sewer system coming up 74. No water or sewer. You know? And septic. That's the thing with Food Lion had such a big deal there, and Fairview Station had a big deal with their sewer system. They had to build their own sewer system.

RE: You said the road was expanded. What was it before? Was it a two-lane road?

TW: Oh, yeah. A two lane.

RE: Was it a dirt road?

LWW: Two lane. Well, I'm sure before then, before we were born, [inaudible 00:24:24], before we were born ...

SJ: Even before I was born, it was probably dirt.

RE: I just wanted to see how rural it was.

TW: It was a two lane. Yeah. It's totally changed from what it used to be.

LWW: Yes, because when I traveled to Oakley every day, I was on that two-lane and I would have Amanda with me.

TW: There was trees still hanging over the road. You know, limbs.

LWW: It was really pretty in the wintertime.

SJ: I filmed it.

LWW: When you cross Mine Hole into Fairview, think of it as a two lane and trees, and oh, any time ... I can remember working at Oakley whenever we had a snow, if a snow was coming, they would send Fairview home first, because ...

SJ: They had to go up Mine Hole.

LWW: They had to go up Mine Hole, and it would be slick as glass. I can remember them talking about that, but, anyway, just that, from the top of the mountain [inaudible 00:25:23].

RE: What activities have you guys been involved in in the years you've been here? You talk about sports. Have you had a church affiliation?

LWW: Yeah.

TW: We're Trinity of Fairview now.

RE: Trinity of Fairview?

TW: Mm-hmm. That's where we go.

LWW: We started off at Reynolds Baptist.

TW: That's where we got married.

LWW: That's where we got married. We went there a couple of years, and then we went to Grassy Branch. We were there ...

TW: 10.

LWW: Yes. 10 years. Then we just decided to visit around in Fairview. Plus, with Amanda and Jake, we wanted them to be with kids in their community, so that's when we visited Trinity, and we've been there since. Trinity of Fairview on Concord.

Through the years, Amanda and Jake and I, I took them to Awana at Grassy Branch. Pretty active there. Then the kids with the youths some at Trinity. We still attend there.

RE: Tim, when you were talking about being raised here, did y'all farm? Were you farmers?

TW: We didn't have a farm.

RE: You weren't farmers?

TW: We raised pigs.

RE: Did you?

TW: Yeah. We had pigs every year, but as far as farming, no. We didn't. My dad was construction, and my mom, she retired from what was then C.P. Clare. She worked there 50 years.

RE: Wow. Wow. Your pigs, did you just raise one pig at a time?

TW: That's food. Two. Two to three.

RE: And slaughter them each year?

TW: Every year. Yeah.

RE: Yeah. Did you all slaughter them or take them to be slaughtered?

TW: Oh yeah. That was around November.

RE: Tell us about that.

TW: I mean, do you want to know about that? [laughter]

RE: I grew up--we slaughtered pigs too.

LWW: I'm interested.

RE: Just talk about the flavor and, it's the history of what was going on.

TW: Oh, yeah. Dad, he would cure his own ham and he would hang them up in the shed up here where we still got it. It's about to fall. He would hang and Ben Owenby, he was on Brush Creek, he's dead now, but he was Dad's uncle.

RE: Okay. Tell us about the process of slaughtering those hogs. I want to hear about it.

TW: You would raise them. You'd feed them, basically, what we ate, that's what they ate.

LWW: Slop.

TW: Food slop. Yeah. As a kid growing up, you would get attached to those. You would get attached to them, because that was your job, when we fed the pigs. Dad was working, that was our job.

RE: Did the pigs have names?

TW: Sometimes, sometimes not.

LWW: Do you remember if you named one?

TW: I don't remember many names. Spot was one I can remember but I don't remember many names that we had, because we just fed them but you would still get attached to them. Then here would come November, Dad had a big 55-gallon barrel. We'd build a fire under it, heat the water, that's what you scald the pig with to scrape the hair off it. He would get in there, shoot the pig, cut the throat, hang it up, drain it, so the blood would drain.

This is a kid watching all this, and you'd think now a kid sees that on TV, you'd think it's a little ... Some adults now would say you would devastate that kid. That's the way people think now but ...

LWW: But that was the livelihood.

TW: But that was the livelihood.

LWW: Yeah. That was your food.

TW: This all happened very quick, shoot the pig, cut the throat, up by the ... Hang it up. After we got it all done and out, we'd scald it with hot water to get the hair off of it.

LWW: Then what?

TW: Then just cut it up.

RE: You all butchered it yourselves?

TW: Oh, yeah. We did it all.

RE: Did you freeze it or you said you put it in a smokehouse?

TW: A smokehouse. Yeah. Like I say, being on ... I'm trying to think of his ... Herman Lytle would do the sausage. I mean, not Lytle ... Herman, Herman ... I can't remember his last name. I just know his name was Herman. We would take the meat over there and he would do the sausage.

RE: Did you make souse meat?

TW: No. No.

LWW: Okay. Now what is souse meat?

RE: I don't know. It's gross.

LWW: Oh, okay.

TW: We did the hams, sausage, some bacon that they would do. Yeah.

RE: And two pigs would take you through the winter and until the next November?

TW: Yeah.

RE: In a family of how big? How big was the family?

TW: Well, we had five of us at the time. My other sister came along when I was 10. She didn't get to see all that... ‘cause Dad was getting out of it by then. You know? Yeah. There was six of us.

LWW: Tim is the third of four children. He has an older brother William.

TW: He lives right here.

LWW: Right. Then a sister Theresa, then Tim, and then 10 years later, his little sister Lisa was born.

RE: You grew the pigs, you grew the pigs, I like that, you grew the pigs, you had the pigs. You didn't have any garden vegetable?

TW: Yeah. We had a garden. We had a garden too. We had a garden.

LWW: What about that road? The first house you lived in.

TW: It was on Edwards Road. That's where the storage buildings are now, the blue top and Edwards Road is where I was raised until I was--.

LWW: And that little house is still there.

TW: It's still there.

LWW: Right off 74.

TW: Broadus Trantham and Dolly Trantham were ...

LWW: The owners?

TW: They were the ... They farmed all the time, and that's where they let us ride the tractors with them and everything. There was none of that ... Where the lake is now, that used to be carp lake. That was Woodall's carp lake.

LWW: Yeah.

SJ: I had forgotten that.

LWW: Yes. What is the name of that development right now? It's right across from ...

SJ: Windsong?

LWW: That's it. Is it Windsong?

SJ: Yeah.

LWW: Right across from Old Fort Road.

TW: Yeah. That was no houses in there whatsoever. The lake was a carp lake. That's where I had my summer job some. I worked there, bringing the fish to the scale house and would weigh them and stuff.

SJ: How about that?

TW: Yeah. Fairview has changed quite a bit. (Laughter.)

RE: It sounds like there's been enormous amount of change. There's been more people but has it changed the flavor of Fairview? Do you think Fairview still is that, what some describe as a little community?

TW: I don't know if it's ...

LWW: From my end, I think that people that move here, most of them and this is just through the elementary school when I talk with parents, I think they do want to keep that close community Fairview, the nature, the mountains, and keep it all ... Even though, it has the road expansion. Then lots of development and like ... Is it South Cliff? Yes.

TW: Well, back when we was kids, everybody had about the same ... “This is America, it's just the way it is.” Everybody had the same beliefs, just about same beliefs. Raising your children was about the same. It's just like I talk about, if you take a pig out now and shoot it in front of the kid, you just--

LWW: You're going to be turned in.

TW: You just think of what people would think. You just think if they saw that on the news, them shooting a pig, people, they'd just go nuts over that, not thinking that's the way people lived, that's the way we ate, that's the way we ...

RE: It was survival. It was survival.

TW: Yeah. You take an old chicken, go out there and get it, it's still alive and that thing just ... People would die right now if they saw that.

RE: Wring the head off? Did you all wring the head off the chickens?

TW: Oh, yeah. I've had them down on a little chopping block and chopped their head off. It's just ...

LWW: I did not grow up with that.

TW: No.

LWW: See, I grew ... That's something too, he and I ... I grew up on a street with houses next to each other, so I played out in the street but it was not major traffic but played with my friends, whereas he was used to no noise, and I remember streetlights and noises from the cars and trucks. He was total no lights and the sounds, so that was an adjustment for me, but that's the way I was raised.

RE: You made your fun. You know? You had to create it.

TW: We was up and down the dirt road and everything, throwing rocks at the mosquites. (sic)

RE: Throwing your shoes off at Easter and putting them back on when you went back to school. (Laughter.)

TW: No. I wasn't that far back. We had shoes.

RE: Be careful. Be careful. Okay?

TW: We had shoes when I was growing up.

RE: We had shoes. We just didn't wear them.

SJ: I know I took mine off in May.

RE: Soon as we could, got rid of those shoes...

LWW: ... barefoot. And Taylor Road ...

TW: It was dirt.

LWW: It was a dirt road. Even after we got married.

TW: Yeah.

SJ: That's only been about 20 years.

LWW: I would say so. Yeah.

TW: Dad didn't never see a paved road here.

SJ: Your dad was dead I think.

TW: It was '91 and Dad died in '91.

RE: I have a quick question. Why did your dad and your mom live here in Fairview?

TW: Oh, I don't know why.

RE: Some of the other family members lived out here?

TW: Well, yeah.

LWW: Uncle Ben.

TW: Uncle Ben and all of them lived here.

LWW: Well, I forgot too. His grandmother or his mom and dad lived...

TW: But they sold that off.

LWW: That's right.

TW: Before ...

LWW: But he grew up in the little white house on Whitaker Road.

TW: He was born in the little white house.

RE: Was all of this Whitaker property here? It sounds like this is a Whitaker hill.

TW: No. No. This was just ... There's just five acres from here to the top was Whitakers. That's all.

RE: Okay. Was that deeded to the family members?

TW: Their family owns most of the land, or did, here.

SJ: It came from Miss Harkins. The Harrises and then my father-in-law bought a bunch. He has about, I don't remember, 10 or something and the Whitakers had the other five.

TW: Hattie Hagan lived in the little house. She was another ... She owned this section. That's who we bought the land from. She heated with coal. We'd carry buckets of coal in for her in the winter. That's where this land came from. They bought it from Miss Hagan.

LWW: But your grandparents over off of ... I mean, on Whitaker Road, all of that, so that is ... That area was Whitaker ...

TW: They were in Black Mountain when Mom and Dad met.

LWW: Say that again.

TW: They were in Black Mountain. Dad was.

LWW: Oh, okay, but he grew up over here?

TW: He grew up over here. Yeah.

RE: Well, what's your best memory of growing up in Fairview?

TW: Just the ... I have no bad memories of Fairview. I really don't. It was just a good community. I mean, we played sports, baseball.

RE: As you all think about Fairview and think about development, and those of us who are coming new to Fairview and Reynolds area, what's the biggest concern you have about is Fairview going to change?

TW: Yeah. It's going to change, because the farmers that were farming when I grew up, their kids have it now or their grandkids and they're selling it. You know? Because it's too ... Taxes and stuff. You just can't ... It's just hard.

LWW: I mean there are still some farms.

TW: Very few.

LWW: But not as many.

TW: I mean, you take Cane Creek, when we was growing up was ...

LWW: That was nothing but farming.

SJ: That was dairy.

TW: Dairy farms. Yeah.

LWW: Some farms.

SJ: I guess now the Agers and the Ramseys have got the biggest farms.

LWW: You're right.

SJ: Is there still some Nesbitts on Cane Creek? Have farming? Yeah, there is.

TW: Yeah, but, see, they're leasing that out to her uncle now. Tomatoes. Her uncle is the one that's got tomatoes on Gap Creek.

LWW: Ray Wilson, and Wanda.

SJ: Wanda and Raynell and all of them.

RE: What about that fellow that we interviewed that has the nursery? Sales?

SJ: Bud.

RE: Bud.

SJ: Yeah, their family owned ... That was a bunch of land there at the foot of the mountain.

LWW: I don't know if you can interview him.

SJ: We already have.

RE: We did. Yeah.

LWW: He's a wealth of information.

RE: It's been real fun to talk to people. That's why it's fun to hear about how Fairview has changed and what's changed that you like about what's changed in Fairview?

LWW: The thing that, to me, Fairview Elementary and the red light right there, I think that was the first red light, wasn't it?

TW: Yeah.

LWW: Which is right there at Food Lion, and so I like to think that's the little hub of Fairview, because you think about the post office, the Fairview Library, Food Lion, and then when you go on down, of course, the second red light right there at Cane Creek, but really we've not seen any ... I mean, there's small businesses. We have the breweries

opening up. There's really ... Food Lion is the only grocery store. There used to be little grocery stores that used to be ...

TW: That's because of the sewer system. That's what I'm hearing.

LWW: Right.

TW: That Fairview along 74 has not taken on.

LWW: Right.

RE: You think of Fairview, the hub there at Food Lion, and then you talked about going toward Cane Creek. Where does Fairview end then going this way?

LWW: Top of Mine Hole.

TW: When I grew up, it was top of Mine Hole but now they call Reynolds High School Fairview.

SJ: And it's not.

LWW: But it's not.

TW: Not to the old Fairviewans, it’s not.

SJ: It's not. You don't live in Fairview.

RE: I tell people I live in Reynolds going towards Fairview. I’m very careful about that.

SJ: Thank you.

LWW: But if you'll notice, there are two signs. One says the Reynolds area, I think it's right before you go to ... Is it before you go under the Parkway

SJ: Linda Huntley put those up.

LWW: or is it on past--okay. Then the one for Fairview is at the top of Minehole.

SJ: Linda Huntley paid to...

LWW: But a lot of people will say Reynolds High School in Fairview, and it is not.

SJ: My daddy's birth certificate says Fairview.

LWW: Wow.

SJ: My birth certificate says Skyland. It's all right there in Reynolds district.

LWW: What about that. It's just changed through the years.

SJ: My great-grandparents' says Biltmore.

TW: You said Skyland?

SJ: Yup. My birth certificate said Skyland.

TW: Down here at Reynolds?

SJ: Behind Reynolds High School.

RE: My address says Asheville. My mailing address is Asheville and I'm just up the hill.

LWW: Past the high school?

RE: From Ingles.

LWW: Oh, okay.

RE: Yeah. Ingles and up the hill.

LWW: Right. Right.

RE: Interesting. Interesting. You all built this house when?

TW: '86. We started in '85.

LWW: He started in '86.

TW: I had the blocks ... We had the block laid before we ever got married.

LWW: When I was a senior in college, he got a job and this is pretty interesting, how he got a job with UPS. Tell that little tidbit about what - a guy in Fairview ...

TW: Kenny Reed. I don't know if you've met Kenny. He would be another good one.

SJ: And his wife [Linda Reed].

TW: And his wife. Anyway, my dad, like I said, he was in construction. We was on way up Williams Road off of Emmas Grove. We was putting on a roof, and I knew Kenny from playing ball through the years, but anyway.

LWW: How old were you, would you say?

TW: 21.

LWW: Yeah.

TW: Or 20.

LWW: 20 or 21. Yeah.

TW: Anyway, I was up on the roof with Dad, nailing the roof on, and Kenny stopped in the house right down the road and he was hollering and said, "Do you want a job for Christmas?" He was looking for Christmas help. You know? I said, "Yeah."

LWW: After being up on the roof.

TW: He gave my name to the center manager there and I filled out an application, and the rest is history. I worked that Christmas as a driver/helper with Alan Autry, which he's passed away now, in downtown Asheville.

RE: Are you saying you still work with UPS?

TW: I retired.

LWW: He retired a year ago.

RE: You were there for how long then?

TW: 32 years.

RE: How would Kenny ... When Kenny said, "Do you want a job?" Did he work at UPS?

TW: Oh, yeah. He drove by in his UPS truck, stopped, hollering at me on the roof saying, "Do you want a job?"

LWW: And back then, they always tried ... They hired extra help during Christmas and asked Tim and Tim worked through Christmas and then ...

TW: Back then you had to have some kind of degree, college degree, or going to school and I had just finished or was still at AB Tech.

LWW: Right.

RE: What did you major in at AB Tech?

TW: Machinist. Machine jobs.

LWW: Then he was hired on UPS.

TW: I worked that Christmas as a driver/helper with Alan. They called me back the following March ... They told me when I left, "Just don't get anything permanent, because we'll probably be calling you back sometime this year." I said okay. I still worked with dad then, and then they called me back the following March. March 1st was when I started.

LWW: You're right. Was that '85? When was that?

TW: '85.

LWW: It was '85, because then we got married May of '86 but he started ... He and his dad, you laid the block for the foundation of the house in '86, but we didn't get to move in to the house until '87.

RE: Is it pretty much the way it was built in '87?

LWW: Yeah. Except for a couple of renovations.

TW: It was brown cedar then. It was cedar in the posts. I redid the front posts. There was just one more before.

LWW: Other than the inside renovation, you know? It's still the same.

RE: That's great. Did y'all design the house?

TW: Yeah. My dad.

RE: That's great. Your dad was in construction. Did he ever hire workers?

TW: No. He worked with Jay Moses. They was partners. Jay lived in Weaverville. In fact, Dad worked with Eagle Insulating Company for 15 or 20 years with Jay. When they went out on their own, they went together. Jay left the company first, Eagle Insulating Company, and Dad ...

LWW: Followed him.

TW: Followed him after a year or two.

RE: I'm zipping around here, but you were talking about riding your bicycle out to Fletcher. Where did y'all buy groceries? Where did you go to the store when you were growing up?

TW: There was a Bi-Lo. I can remember a Bi-Lo, I just don't remember where ...

SJ: Swannanoa River Road.

TW: That's right. That's exactly where it was. Where the golf course is. Where there's a filling station right if you're going towards the mall, when you go past the ...

SJ: Behind Monteath's Automotive.

TW: Yeah. It's a storage building now, isn't it?

SJ: I think so.

RE: That was the nearest grocery store?

TW: Yeah.

LWW: Didn't you, you would say if you were going to town?

SJ: Mm-hmm.

TW: Yeah.

LWW: They would say, "We're going to town."

TW: Because that's where the grocery store was.

SJ: I still say that.

RE: There wasn't a little local place that you could go get milk or a loaf of bread?

TW: Yeah. Cedar Cliff Grocery. We had several stores out here.

LWW: Little community stores. Tickle's.

TW: Tickle's. Then we had ...

SJ: The Merrells down there.

TW: What was his name? Gosh.

SJ: Guy Merrell.

TW: Guy Merrell, that's right. He had a store but he was like where you'd go to get shotgun shells and stuff like that.

SJ: But Tickles and ...

TW: They had several stores out here.

SJ: Yeah. Wilson's.

TW: Hamilton's. That's where the ...

LWW: Well, tell about you would take Lisa to the babysitter and on the way to school, you would stop at Cedar Cliff.

TW: Cedar Cliff, and they knew us, they knew our name.

LWW: Everyone knew everyone.

TW: Lisa, you see, when I was 16, she was six.

SJ: This is little Lisa.

TW: This is Little Lisa, my sister. She would go in the store there and she could only get one or two things, because ... They would just, "Hurry up, Lisa. Let's go. Your brother has got to go." I would buy her something. Yeah.

LWW: On his way to school, he would take her to the babysitter's, and stop and get her something, but they knew him and knew her. It was just ... I think that tightness, that closeness of the community ...

RE: Did they have store credit for you?

TW: No. We had to pay for it. Dad had a credit for his gas, for his business, but he had it at Reynolds, the store that Bud, he leases it out ... Or John Rice used to run it back then.

SJ: But it was Bud's store then.

TW: It was Bud's. I think it still is Bud's, isn't it?

SJ: It is Bud's.

LWW: Is it the one right there on the side of the road? Across from the old Reynolds fire department.

SJ: Across from Martin Monument.

LWW: Yes. Yes. I can remember going there. Yes.

RE: That's amazing. I just remember going to the store and having that little old tab.

TW: That's right.

RE: You'd keep the orders on and you just kept your tab on it.

TW: We had one.

RE: When you got enough money, you went in there and paid it.

TW: Yeah.

RE: See, I may have grown up in a little Fairview, a very poor little Fairview.

TW: Where did you grow up?

RE: I grew up in east Tennessee.

TW: Oh, yeah.

RE: All right. Let's see what else. You didn't have playgrounds.

TW: Yeah. We did.

RE: Oh, you did have playgrounds?

TW: You could play anywhere you wanted to go. (Laughter.)

RE: You could go out in the morning and your mom would call you in for supper?

TW: Yeah. Yeah.

RE: Is that what the story was?

TW: Oh, yeah. We had all kinds of playgrounds.

SJ: I told them about my son, and three of his friends trying to roll Lisa's yard one night and daddy shooting up in the air. (Laughter.) Those boys flew up that road.

LWW: Now who did that?

SJ: My son and three of his friends tried to roll little Lisa's yard and Fred got them.

RE: Your dad fired the gun?

SJ: Mm-hmm and scared those boys to death. I could just hear their feet pounding up the road. I was standing on the porch laughing.

RE: When you, William, and Theresa played outside, what did y'all play?

TW: Just anything. We'd ride our bikes mostly. We had bikes.

LWW: Didn't y'all used to play before we built the house?

TW: This was all woods here. We'd play all through here. Yeah.

LWW: You would find lots of Indian ...

TW: We used to find a lot of Indian arrowheads here.

LWW: That's they say all through in this area.

TW: Yeah.

LWW: But anyway, he would say and his brother would say how they would all play down in the woods and they would find Indian arrowheads. It makes you wonder, because, see, this is a knoll here. We're on top of the knoll and now you can see Miller Road ... You can see it, you can see Miller Road down in the very bottom there. It's pretty cool.

SJ: I found a real cool little obsidian arrowhead in our yard.

LWW: See, it makes you wonder, was this at one time a village or ... You know? A camp?

SJ: I took it down to the school, the archeologist was down there at that time and he gave me the dates of when those arrowheads probably were and it was thousands of years ago he said.

LWW: Wow.

RE: Wow.

SJ: One of the hay day type things they had at Fairview.

TW: It makes sense. You got water, you got everything right here. I don't know why but ...

RE: Wow. Is there anything else you want to tell us? You think of anything else, Sandra?

SJ: No. She just never said how the school had changed since you were there.

RE: The school being?

LWW: Fairview Elementary.

SJ: When she was teaching there.

LWW: Right. Well, I did not teach in the old school, which Tim did attend the older school. When we were married, they were building the newer school and they built the new school behind the old building. Is that right? Then they tore the old building down and that's what the parking lot is. The parking lot is now what ... Now the parking lot is where the old building used to stand. Behind the old school was the ball field.

TW: The gym is still part of the old school.

LWW: Right. Now the community center, that used to be the old gym at Fairview. Then when I ... Fairview was ... The new school was probably five or six years old when I transferred I believe. It might have been a little older. Not too long. Because Amanda was ... Oh, well, Amanda was going into second grade, so that would be about right.

I can just remember from hearing some of the older teachers that were there, and I like to hear history of communities and what they used to do back then, but I can remember hearing some of the teachers talk about, "Oh, yeah. We used to have donkey ..." Was it donkey basketball?

SJ: Yeah.

LWW: To raise money. They would just hoot and holler and talk about and just laugh about how fun it was. When I was there, they didn't do it again.

SJ: I've seen them do it.

RE: Did they do that when you were there?

TW: Yeah.

SJ: Did they?

TW: Insurance purposes the reason they had to stop, because those donkeys would buck and throw them. You know, the adults was the ones to ride them. The mamas and the daddies and stuff.

RE: They'd literally be playing basketball on donkeys?

TW: On the donkey back. Yeah.

LWW: That was a fundraiser.

TW: They still do.

LWW: That's what I remember hearing all of the teachers talking about it.

TW: Yeah.

RE: Did you ever do it?

TW: I didn't. My dad used to get on and ride them. Yeah.

LWW: The school itself, and now I think the new school is 20 something years ... It's 20 years old.

RE: People are still calling it the new school.

LWW: Yes. Let me say this, it's ... I want to say the 20th year was two years ago. Would that be right? Was it in ... Something, maybe in '86, or I don't know.

SJ: After my kids were out of it.

LWW: Right. A lot of the older teachers aren't there. Like Nancy Tickle, which her husband owned Tickle's Store. It's just amazing, the connections. David Holt, famous storyteller and music player, you know on PBS and PBIS and ... No.

SJ: PBS.

LWW: PBS. Thank you. His daughter or his two children went to Fairview but I think, unfortunately, a terrible accident happened with his daughter and that was when it was a two-lane. He would come ... He came to my classroom and was like my ... The two years before I retired and he came and he was a mystery reader. What a treat to have David Holt come to your classroom.

SJ: Did he do taily bone, taily bone...?

LWW: Yes. I have the little tape and I would play it for the kids.

Just those little memories. You know, trying to pull in community. Years ago, second grade, I taught second grade, one of our North Carolina standards was community and learning all of local businesses and how ...

RE: That's nice.

LWW: Yes. We had a little project where we rode the bus through Fairview, just showing the kids, even though, you think about it, you can't see the forest for the trees, well, riding that bus, we would point out this store or this creek and all of that, and then they had to choose which one of those businesses or church or fire department, whatever, and they had to construct a little building. It could have been as elaborate as they wanted or whatever.

Anyway, just to make them have more of a connection with the community. We had them setup there in the Fairview Library. Just an awareness of community.

RE: That's cool. That's cool.

TW: What have you learned about Fairview? Since you've been doing this.

RE: This is all about you all. This is not about me. Yeah. Our focus here is your all’s history in Fairview.

SJ: I told you Tim could talk.

RE: Yeah. That’s another day’s conversation. Yeah. There's a sense of Fairview that is interesting to me, to ... The sense of community that is amazing to me, because we've talked to some amazing people. Do you all go to the table thing ...

SJ: Welcome Table.

RE: Welcome Table.

LWW: I have been there. I have. It's been a while. I think now they're doing it once a month.

SJ: Yeah. You need to come.

LWW: Yeah. If I'm not subbing. I think that's very good, another way of outreach for the community.

RE: It's just amazing. Are you all welcoming to new folks who come into Fairview?

LWW: It doesn't bother me. Yeah.

RE: You bake cookies and take to them?

TW: No. I can't cook.

LWW: You can. You fix breakfast.

TW: I don't have any problems and I'm sure they're the same way. As long as they don't try to change me or change the way I ... and I'm not saying I'm right but I'm pretty straightforward. I don't like a lot of drama and I don't like a lot of ... That's the only

problem I have with people. When they move in, they want to change everything about you, because they came from a bad situation ...

LWW: Or not.

TW: And bring that bad situation with them. You know, whether it's a crowd, a lot of people, they're trying to get away from people but they want the same rules they had where they left. I'm not a big fan of ... What do you call these developments? They have this community that tells you what color to paint your house.

LWW: HOAs.

TW: Not a big fan of that. I don't want to be told what to do. You know?

SJ: That's our mountain, hillbilly roots.

LWW: Your independence. Yeah.

TW: That's my biggest ... You know? As far as people coming in, people are going to come. It's too pretty not to come, and if the people want to sell their land, that's their business. You know? You can't change what people [inaudible 00:59:56].

SJ: Don't try to change us.

TW: That's right. That's right.

SJ: To what it was where you were.

TW: That's right.

RE: There's a reason you left where you were.

TW: Yeah, that’s right.

SJ: Don't come here and try to make it like you were.

TW: That's what they do. I'm not saying they’re all-. A lot of people do. They want to change where they came from, and have the same rules but they got away from that rule but they still want to ...

LWW: Or those values. Yeah. Yeah. We're welcoming.

TW: Yeah.

LWW: We like ... We're people people. You know? Interaction with other people. Boy, Taylor Road.

SJ: I used to be the fifth house on the left. Now I have to count, but I think I'm the 10th house on the left. I haven't moved.

LWW: Yeah. I think it was you telling me I would be surprised how many people are living over there on Cowan Lane. There are people that have moved in. Tim and I just talked one night this week on the way to practice, the man and woman ... I think he's retired from the Army and they've moved back.

SJ: Ron and Holly.

LWW: Okay. They came back to Fairview. You know?

SJ: I remember her name because she told me years ago she was Holly from Raleigh. I always remembered that.

LWW: Isn't that cute?

SJ: When I met her again this summer and like, oh, I wondered where you went.

TW: There weren't that many houses up there, were there?

SJ: Like I said, I was the fifth house on the left and now I'm 10.

TW: See, when we moved, none of this development over here was in there.

LWW: That was a field.

TW: That was a field. Then the development on the left, that was all Henry Sales and hardly anybody lived through here. As far as people, they're ...

LWW: Fine. You know, we don't know ... Every generation is different, the change of the world and values, everything. But Tim and I, this is where our home is. I don't know about what our kids will do. You know? We don't know when Tim and I leave this Earth ... You just don't know. I'm sure you think about that and whether our children will keep our home or if their roots are strong enough that they will stay here, but you think about that, what will take them away, but we hope that there are some of those roots that they'll continue with our home. We're blessed. Tim and I are blessed.

RE: Got anything else you want to share?

LWW: Was there anything that I left out?

RE: I don't think so. We just wanted to hear you talk about Fairview.

LWW: School? Anything else?

TW: Fairview’s good. We like Fairview ... I mean, there's still a lot of land in Fairview. A chunk of land right here. I bet in 10 years, it'll be sold.

RE: Does that make you sad?

TW: It does, because that's our old stomping grounds ... When we was growing up, I could leave right here and be to Fox Run in five minutes. It's just right through the woods.

SJ: Yeah. James would cut through here and go to see friends off Miller Road and cut through their woods.

TW: There's trails all through. When we was kids, we had them ... You don't see that anymore, kids don't do that a lot. Yeah. That's a big chunk of land.

RE: Yeah. Well, thank y'all so much for taking the time to talk with us.

LWW: You're welcome.

RE: This has been great. How are we doing for time? You had something you needed to do.

LWW: At 2:30.

TW: How many more people do you need to talk to?

RE: I don't know. Can we turn this thing off? We just tell the library we're through and then they [inaudible 01:03:53].

END OF FIRST RECORDING.

SJ: Okay. We had to turn it back on.

RE: Because Tim's going to tell us about having coffee. Talk to us, Tim.

TW: Every morning, I drink coffee with the older generation of Fairview. Every morning, in fact, I go to two stores, I go to KD's [One Stop] at about 7:15 to 7:30 and there's a group of guys there and then go to Citgo from eight until, I don't know, nine, that's another older generation of Fairview. We just drink coffee.

I've done this for... how long?

LWW: You've done it for a long time.

SJ: Who meets at that? I know Bud Huntley used to.

TW: You know, Bud was at KD's. Yeah. We got Coy Kirstein, Arthur Owenby, David Marlowe, there's ...

LWW: Harper.

TW: Dan Harper. I just can't think of all of them.

LWW: There's a few that you drink coffee with at Citgo and then there are quite a few more at KD's.

TW: KD's is a different age group. There's young and old there. Citgo is ...

LWW: Tell them what you talk about.

TW: Oh, we talk about fishing, hunting, sports.

LWW: What's happening in Fairview.

TW: Politics. You name it.

SJ: Talk about the new hotel they're thinking about building?

TW: No new hotel.

RE: I've not heard about that.

SJ: It's in the paper. Look at my Facebook page.

RE: Where?

SJ: By Barnwell Road. Somebody's trying to get an easement type thing and the zoning, so they can build it up on the ridge up Bob Barnwell ...

TW: Oh, I bet that's up next to Butler, isn't it? Butler Mountain.

SJ: I don't know.

TW: Probably.

LWW: But there's times he'll come home and ... He goes every day. Unless we're out of town or if he ... Even on Sunday morning before church.

TW: This is people my dad grew up with. I mean, you'd think why am I going but I've just ... You know?

SJ: Well, gee, we oughta go there and do an interview one day.

RE: I wonder about going and taking some photographs. To just capture that this is going on, because this is ... Like I said, this is gold to me, that that's going on. That is just amazing.

TW: Yeah. You come ...

SJ: Tim, ask them if we can come listen to them.

TW: You don't have to ask them.

SJ: No, no, no. If we can interview them and have these turned on.

RE: Yeah, and just listen to them and just ...

TW: Well, then I don't know if we'd talk about all that we talk about with the microphone on or not. (laughter)

RE: I think it'd be great.

SJ: Not with women there too, but still.

RE: I'd be great if we didn't do anything but go by and get some photographs.

TW: You can do that.

RE: Of what's going on.

TW: You can do that.

RE: And just because of that camaraderie of the older generation and then for you to see the younger and the older are coming together. That's the oral histories being passed on in action. That's oral history in action.

LWW: He has done this for years.

TW: Oh, yeah. I've done it for years.

RE: That's amazing. How many years, you think? Best guess, Tim.

TW: I know, 10? Even when I was working ...

LWW: It's been longer than that.

TW: Well, yeah. Even when I was working at UPS, I would go to the store before I went to work.

LWW: Well, you would first stop to get your coffee and then he would hang out a few more minutes and shoot the bull and talk.

TW: These men, they fish and we're all about fishing and we'd fish together. We still fish together. We talk.

LWW: Coy is how old?

TW: 80.

LWW: About 80. Tim – he'll sit and talk to them. There would be times that I'm at the school ...

TW: These are men that still cut wood and they're still out and going. You know?

SJ: That is too cool.

LWW: Every day. As a matter of fact, this morning when he came back home, I said, "Well, what's new today?"

RE: That is so cool.

LWW: It is. It's really cool. I think of a Norman Rockwell scene ... Like in a barber shop where all of the men are talking. That's it.

TW: Wayne that owns Citgo and KD's, they're good with it. I mean, I know we take up some space there. It's pretty nice. There's anywhere from ... I know there's on average of four to seven every morning at Citgo. There's a bunch at KD's, because, like I say, it's a different age group and they're all through.

RE: I just think it's terrific, because, like I said, it's oral history in the making. It truly is oral history.

SJ: That's why I said if you could record them ...

TW: Yeah. Just come down there and take a picture. They don't care.

LWW: You can't see a whole lot but when he was about to retire, a year ago in July, the guy took a picture that was in there. There's Tim.

TW: This is at KD's. Now you can see all the people.

LWW: This one was zoomed in but, of course, there's all these guys.

TW: You remember who that is? That's Tracy Cole.

SJ: Oh, yeah.

TW: He works at FedEx.

LWW: They were just talking. They were playing a joke on Tim.

SJ: Tracy's saying it? FedEx was faster than UPS.

LWW: There are all these tables in there.

RE: That is so fun.

LWW: At Citgo, there's older guys.

TW: They're a little older. Yeah.

RE: That is so cool. We will have to do that. That's a different adventure.

SJ: Do I turn it off again?

RE: Do you want to turn it off now?

LWW: That's just Tim and his dad and a fish.

SJ: I'm going to turn it off here.

END OF SECOND RECORDING.

LWW: We had a ...

SJ: Okay. Let Tim say that about the picture.

RE: Tell us about this picture, Tim.

SJ: I'll take that picture.

TW: This picture is my dad ... This is actually a carp. When we trout fish, he was a big trout fisherman too, but when we'd go trout fishing, Cane Creek or Broad River or anywhere, I was probably younger than this picture here but he would tie me to his belt to keep me from floating down or getting ... That's the way Raymond Pressley did his sons, Dale and Mark was all little, we'd all get ...

RE: Okay. For the real test, did that rope ever save you from floating down the river?

TW: No. No. It's just a security thing. You know?

RE: But it never had to be used?

TW: No. Never.

SJ: We should do Raymond and Betty too.

TW: Yeah. They're good people. Yeah. They're good.

RE: Who are Raymond and Betty?

TW: Pressley.

SJ: Betty is my daddy's first cousin.

LWW: We're all interrelated, aren't we?

TW: Yeah.

RE: Okay. Okay. We really are going to say goodbye. It's been fun. This is so great. Isn't this so great?

SJ: All right. I'm punching it off again.

END OF INTERVIEW.

Tim Whitaker with his dad,
Fredrick (Fred) Whitaker

Tim (5 years)

Carp fishing